

## David Crisp

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### EDUCATION

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#### **Courses in education, Montana State University Billings, 1997-98**

Took six hours of coursework toward teacher certification while teaching at Billings Central Catholic High School.

#### **Master of Arts, English, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 1983**

Attended on \$7,800 Lechner Fellowship. Graduated with a 3.9 gpa. Winner, Distinguished Graduate Student Award.

#### **Bachelor of Arts, Select Student, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, 1978**

Attended as National Merit Scholarship finalist. Graduated summa cum laude with 3.8 gpa. Worked as tutor, chief baseball umpire and youth recreation program director.

#### **Metropolitan State College, Denver Colo., 1974-75**

Earned 3.9 gpa on four-point scale while working as computer terminal operator for Community College of Denver.

### EMPLOYMENT – EDUCATION

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#### **Instructor, Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana, 2000 to present**

Designed and teach introductory journalism class through the English department. Also have taught courses in English 119 and English 120 for several year. In spring 2007, 2008, and 2010, taught a course in professional writing. Taught a continuing education class in writing at Rocky in 1998.

#### **Instructor and writing tutor, Montana State University Billings, Billings, Montana, 2002 to present**

Teach first- and second-year German classes with emphasis on the spoken and written language. Also have taught developmental English classes and media writing. Work part-time as a writing and German tutor in the Academic Support Center.

#### **Instructor, Community Education/Nite Owls, Billings Public Schools, spring and summer, 2002**

Completed instruction of a creative nonfiction course for an instructor who moved out of town, then taught basic and advanced nonfiction writing courses.

#### **Instructor, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, Montana, fall 1999**

Taught introductory journalism class through the School to Work program. Supervised production of the premiere issue of *Smoke Signals*, a class-produced student newspaper.

#### **Teacher, Billings Central Catholic High School, Billings, Montana, 1997-98**

Taught introductory journalism class and served as newspaper adviser of *The Rampage*, the student-produced newspaper. Emphasized basics of reporting, writing, editing and layout in this part-time position.

#### **Assistant lecturer, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 1991-92**

Joint appointment in the English and journalism departments. Taught composition and rhetoric (honors), introduction to literature (honors), beginning and advanced media writing, principles of publishing and editing for the mass media.

#### **Lecturer, Blinn College, Bryan, Texas, 1991-92**

Taught courses in developmental English on a part-time basis, using computer-assisted instruction and working primarily with nontraditional students.

#### **Instructor, Trinity Valley Community College, Palestine, Texas, 1987-1990**

Taught continuing education courses in creative writing and journalism.

## EMPLOYMENT – JOURNALISM

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### **Editor and publisher, *The Billings Outpost*, 1997-present**

Chief reporter, editor, manager and bookkeeper for 9,000 circulation weekly newspaper. Founded the newspaper in 1997.

### **Reporter and editor, *The Billings Gazette*, 1992-97**

As a reporter, wrote daily stories and in-depth projects on Yellowstone County and the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian reservations. As an editor, from 1992-95, edited stories, laid out pages and supervised reporters. Conceived, designed and wrote text for publication of full-page menorah that drew national attention.

### **Editor and reporter, *Bryan-College Station Eagle*, 1990-91, 1983-86 and 1981-82**

As editor, managed 30 employees and administered a budget of nearly \$1 million for a 27,000-circulation Texas daily. As assistant city editor, edited stories and supervised reporters. As reporter, covered city hall and Texas A&M sports.

### **Editor and reporter, *Palestine Herald-Press*, 1986-90 and 1979-81**

As editor, managed 10 employees and administered a budget of about \$340,000 for a 10,000-circulation daily in East Texas. As a reporter, covered business, education, state and county beats.

## MILITARY SERVICE

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• German linguist and radio intercept operator, U.S. Army, 1970-73. Served in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Monterey, Calif.; and Gross Gusborn, West Germany. Good conduct medal, expert marksman. Honorably discharged.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “A Hunger for Learning,” *Montana Quarterly*, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 2007
- “Can a Nice Guy Finish First?” *Montana Quarterly*, Vol. 2, No. 3, Fall 2006.
- “Brian Schweitzer for President?” *Montana Quarterly*, Vol. 1, No. 3, Winter 2005.
- “It Ain’t Your Father’s Copy Desk,” *Montana Journalism Review*, No. 28, Summer 1999: 42-45.
- “Letter from Billings: Unlikely Showdown,” *Forward*, (New York) 18 March 1994: 1.
- “Editorials, Yes! Expressing Our Opinions is the Best Way to Get Readers to Voice Theirs,” the *Bulletin of the American Society of Newspaper Editors* May/June 1993:32.
- “The Attitudes of Texas College Students Toward Newspaper Careers,” with John Mark Dempsey, *Southwestern Mass Communication Journal*, Vol. 7 No. 2 (1992): 198-210.
- “Scientists and the Local Press” in *Scientists and Journalists: Reporting Science as News*. New York: Macmillan Inc., 1986. Prize-winning series included in appendix.
- Thousands of newspaper stories, features, columns and editorials.

## LANGUAGES

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- Top student in 32-week basic and 24-week advanced courses in German at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Stationed in Europe and then worked and traveled there for one year.
- Two years college French.
- Two years high school Spanish.

## AWARDS

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- Honorable mention, business reporting, Montana Newspaper Association annual contest, 1999.
- Second place, feature series, MNA annual contest, 1997.
- Texas Gavel Award, State Bar of Texas, 1990.
- First place, Freedom of Information Award, Texas Associated Managing Editors annual contest, 1989.
- First place, Community Service Award, Texas APME, 1989.
- Second place, general column writing, Texas APME, 1989.
- Honorable mention, editorial writing, Texas APME, 1989.
- First place, general column writing, Texas APME, 1987.
- First place, editorial writing, Texas APME, 1987.
- Third place, editorial writing, Texas APME, 1987.
- First place, editorial writing, Texas APME, 1986.
- First place, sports story, Harte-Hanks Communications Writing Contest, 1985.
- First place, sports column, Texas APME, 1984.

- Honorable mention, feature series, Texas APME, 1980.
- First place, American Association for the Advancement of Science-Westinghouse Science Writing Award for newspapers under 100,000 circulation.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Panelist, “How to Get the News to the News,” Billings Advertising and Marketing Club, 2013.
- “The Future of the Press in the Intermountain West” conference moderator, The Billings Outpost, 2006.
- “Openness in Government: Looking for Sunshine” League of Women Voters panel participant, 2006 and 2010.
- High Plains BookFest panel moderator, 2003 to 2005.
- “Getting Published: Lessons from Those Who Know How” panel moderator, Rocky Mountain College, 2004.
- Montana Public Service Commission debate moderator, 2004, MSU Billings.
- Montana gubernatorial debate panelist, sponsored by The Billings Outpost, 2004.
- “War in Iraq: The Media, Our Freedoms, and Our Responsibilities” panel participant, MSU-Billings, 2003.
- “Why We Do It” media panel participant, Montana Human Rights Network annual meeting. Helena, 2002.
- Publishing symposium panel participant, Rocky Mountain College, 2002.
- U.S. Senate debate panelist, KULR-TV, 2002.
- “How Well Does the Media Cover Education?” panel participant, Conference 2000: American Schools and Public Choices, MSU-Billings.
- “Texas College Students’ Attitudes Toward Newspaper Careers,” with John Mark Dempsey, Southwest Symposium of the Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communications. Corpus Christi, Texas, 1991.
- Report of the Journalism Education Committee, Texas Associated Managing Editors annual meeting. San Antonio, Texas. 1991.
- “Basic Approaches and Tips on Working with the Media,” Northeast Texas Conference for the Protection of Children. Tyler, Texas, 1988.
- “How I Cover Science,” Communicating University Research III Conference, Council for Advancement and Support of Science. Washington, D.C., 1983.
- Welcoming lecture, Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science. Washington. D.C., 1982.
- “Scientists and the Local Press” presentation during seminar on “Life in the Nuclear Age,” Howard Payne University, Brownwood. Texas, 1982.
- “The Changing Environment for Science Communication,” annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., 1982.
- Numerous speeches and lectures on issues in the media before civic groups, college classes and public school students.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

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- Judge, Montana Poetry Slam, 2012-13
- Lecture on “Ethics and Journalism,” Community Lecture Series, Billings Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Aug. 24, 2011.
- Sponsor and presenter, Magic City Music Awards, 2004-2012. Proceeds from the event are donated each year to musicians in need, for music scholarships, or for charitable causes.
- Adviser, *The Retort* student newspaper at MSU Billings, 2012 to present.
- Volunteer German tutor, Billings Education Academy, 2009.
- Career Services Advisory Board member, MSU Billings, 2004 to 2008.
- Journalism Education Committee, Texas Associated Press Managing Editors, 1990.
- Vice president, Friends of the Library, Palestine. Texas, 1989-90.
- Steering committee member, Community Residents Encouraging Students for Tomorrow, Palestine, Texas, 1989-90.
- President, Elmwood Volunteer Fire Department, Elmwood, Texas, 1987-91.